MR. K.GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Director of Public Instruction recommended the revision in 1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : When was the order for deferring consideration passed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In 1931.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Were the Government considering the question of raising the pay of these peons for 2 years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As regards that, there were various stages of reference.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is there any particular reason why this distinction is kept up ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It happened to be kept up when the revision of salaries took place in 1098. At present, it is not possible to consider that question on account of financial reasons.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Do the peons in the English schools possess greater qualifications ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : One matter may be mentioned. The peons of the vernacular schools were called servants and the question whether they were even pensionable was under doubt.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cnm *Kartikapalli*) : Are not the peons of the English schools servants ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Certainly. Both are Government servants. But one class was called servants, and the idea was that they were a sort of contingent employees.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know when that position was altered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In 1098. I am not quite sure and am only giving the information from recollection.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Was not the pay of the peons of the English schools at that time, Rs. 9 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Repayment of agricultural loans.

88. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any recommendation has been received from the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee suggesting the desirability of postponing the repayment of agricultural loans ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Extensions of time are being granted in deserving cases by competent authorities after proper enquiry.

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